

## **City of Freeport**

## Special Meeting 7:00 PM/Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall April 13, 2017 Agenda

### I. Meeting Opened

The April 13, 2017 Workshop was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Jennifer Laird, and Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon

Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle and Billing Supervisor Jennifer Douglas

## II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given at the 6:30 Special Meeting.

### III. Brandon Oaks/Walton County Offer

City Attorney Clayton Adkinson met with County Commissioner Bill Chapman and County Attorney Mark Davis on April 13, 2017 regarding the 56 units having sewer issues at Brandon Oaks that are not connected to City Sewer. The following proposal was presented:

- The County will pay the tap fees and the deposit fee for each customer for a total of \$114.800.00
- The County would be responsible for all costs associated with connecting the 56 new customers at Brandon Oaks.
- The County requests a waiver of all Impact Fees in exchange for them paying the other costs.

There are no findings that this was an offer made by the Board of County Commissioners collectively as a whole, after Councilwoman Cuchens spoke with two other County Officials.

Council Discussion ensued.

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Council Action: Councilwoman Cuchens made a motion for the Freeport City Attorneys' to contact the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, and request that they provide a formal proposal to the City of Freeport, including a detailed statement of the process for installation of the sewer connections for the 56 Units in Brandon Oaks and the contributions they intend to make, as well as outlining the contributions they are requesting from the City of Freeport financially. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

### IV. Impact Fees

- Councilwoman McLean provided a handout with a proposal she put together which recommends one rate inside and outside the City.
- City Engineer Knauer approached the podium and discussed the Water Impact Fee conclusions provided in the Impact Fee Study.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Calculations and the methodology of how they are presently being done.
- Discussion ensued regarding the current Ordinance and fees.

Council Action: Councilwoman Cuchens made a motion to hold an Impact Fee Workshop on April 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

### V. Adjournment

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

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	Mayor
	Council President
ATTEST:	
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